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# Actions and Achievements of the GFCM in the Black Sea



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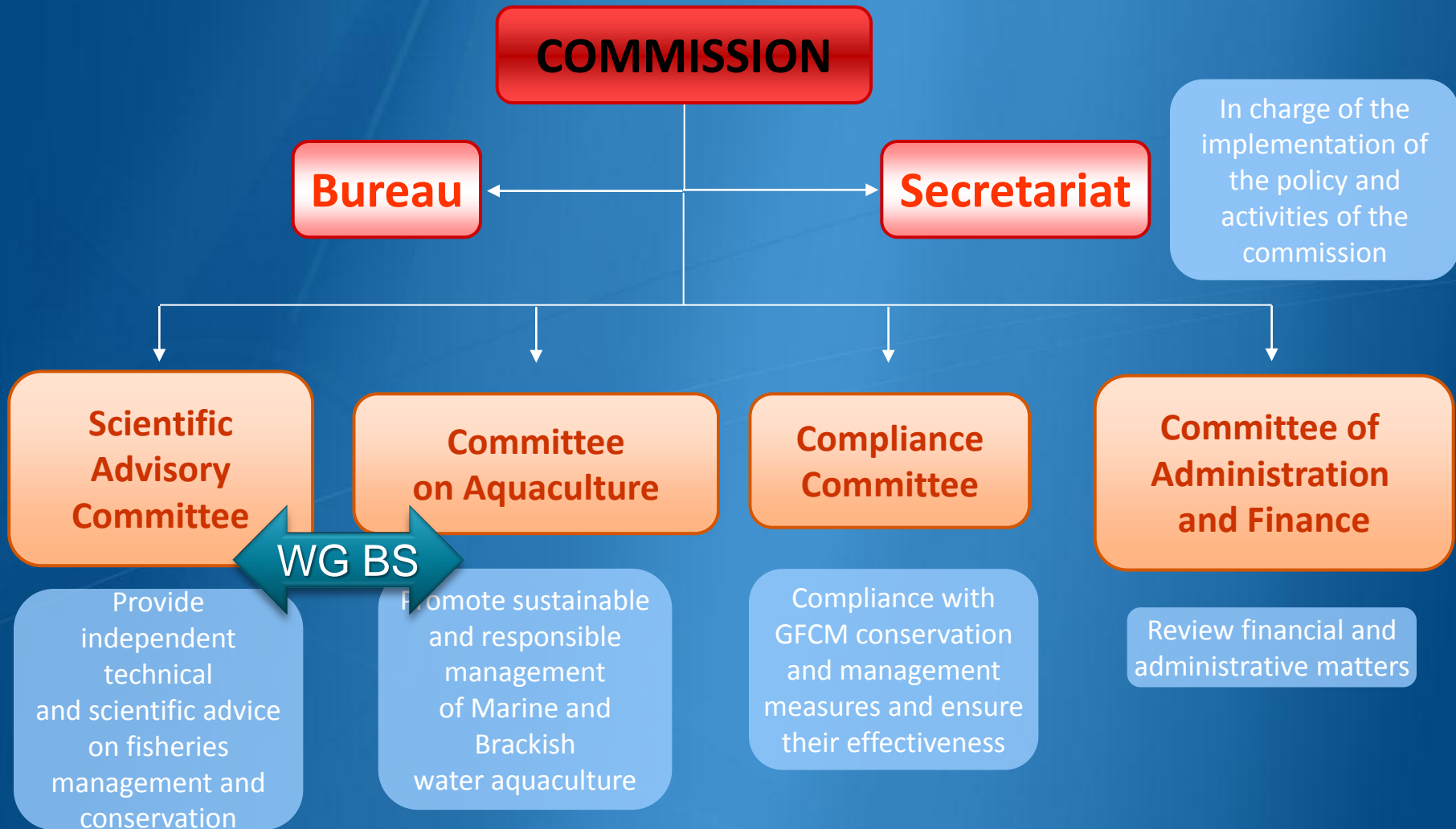


GFCM BSC Joint Workshop on IUU Fishing, Istanbul, Turkey 25 -27/2/2013

# GFCM Institutional Framework

- **1949 Constitutive Agreement under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution**
  - Competence over the Black Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and connecting waters
  - Mandate over fisheries and aquaculture
- **24 Members** (3 Black Sea States, 19 Mediterranean States, 1DWFN, 1 REIO) **and 3 Cooperating Countries** (Georgia, Russian Federation, Ukraine)
- **Goal:** Ensure the long-term sustainability of living marine resources, the sustainable development of marine and brackish water aquaculture and the protection of sensitive habitats
- **2011: Task Force** was established to modernize GFCM

# Structure of the GFCM



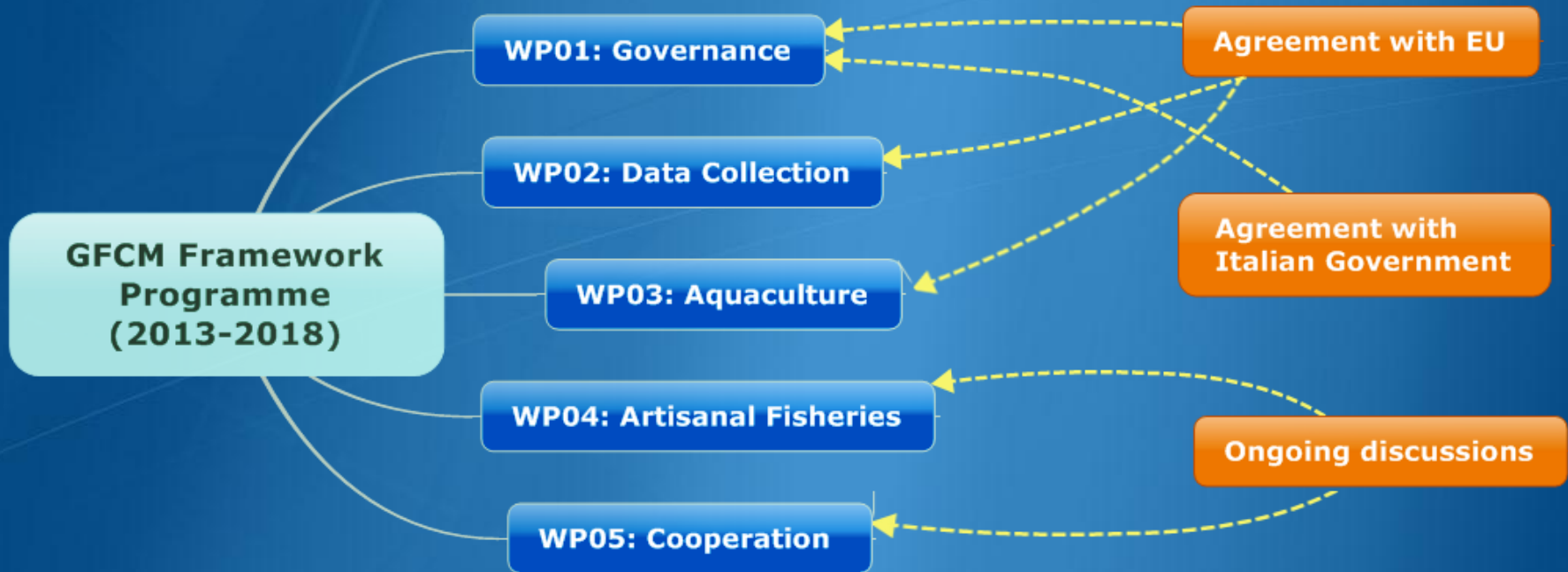
# A strategic framework to boost sub-regional cooperation, including in the Black Sea

- The **first GFCM Framework Programme** was conceived as a tool to make GFCM more functional, consistent with the objectives of the Task Force, through:
  1. Improving Governance and Management in the Black and Mediterranean Sea through integrated maritime approach
  2. Strengthening the capacity of national institutions in the field of data collection and supporting the establishment of regional databases and information systems
  3. Promoting the role of Aquaculture for food security and economic growth
  4. Enhancing the development of Artisanal Fisheries/Assessing the status of Recreational Fisheries
  5. Supporting institutional and technical cooperation in the Southern Mediterranean and in the Black Sea

# A Sub-Regional Approach for long-term management plans in the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea

- Science behind future policy moves
- Bridge **data gaps** for fish stocks to further a multi-species based approach
- **No one-size-fits-all fisheries regulations** for an area as diverse as that of the GFCM, including the Black Sea
- **Long term management plans** to phase out by-catch of endangered species and **discards** of non target species
- **Guidelines** adopted at the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission last May as reference point
- **Grant Agreement with the EU** to launch work in 2013 on the strengthening of data collection systems and the implementation of long-term management plans

# 1<sup>st</sup> GFCM FWP – 2013 activities



Preparatory phase

Rome

**DEC 2012**

- Definition of methodology

Sub-Committees

Rome

**FEB 2013**

- Internal assessment compliance
- Common protocol external assessment
- Draft proposal of GFCM-DCRF

Sub-regional workshop (West-Cent-East)

Spain

**MAR 2013**

- External assessment (West-Cent-East)
- Amended proposal of GFCM-DCRF

Sub-regional workshop (Adriatic)

Split - TBC

**MAR 2013**

- External assessment (Adriatic)
- Amended proposal of GFCM-DCRF

SAC

Egypt

**APR 2013**

- Review of activities within the FWP (West-Cent-East, Adriatic) incl. GFCM-DCRF

Sub-regional workshop (Black Sea)

TBD

**APR 2013**

- External assessment (Black Sea)
- Amended proposal of GFCM-DCRF

Task Force Validation

Croatia

**MAY 2013**

- Validation of the advances on the activities within the FWP

GFCM Annual Session

Croatia

**MAY 2013**

- Adoption of conclusions and recommendations by Members

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